

City of Tempe Adult Sports COVID-19 Return to Play Guidelines

Overview

The City of Tempe is committed to providing fun, yet safe recreational sports leagues. The community's health and safety is the number one priority as we return to play. However, this cannot be done without the cooperation and understanding of all participants, spectators and staff. The below guidelines will be enforced throughout the Winter 2021 season and should be adhered to by all participants and spectators out of mutual respect for each other.

Please note, this plan will be updated as new information from local, county, state and federal authorities becomes available.

City of Tempe Athletic Field Restrictions

- Maximum of 50 participants per field, including all players, referees, coaches and spectators
- A minimum of 6 feet of physical distancing away from others must be maintained.
- When physical distancing cannot be maintained, all participants, coaches/team managers, officials and spectators must wear a mask when not actively participating on the field of play.

Individual Expectations

- All participants must sign COVID-19 participation waiver
- Individuals who do not feel well should stay home.
- Individuals who have recently been tested and are awaiting results should stay home until test results are received. Additionally, if they have tested positive but are "feeling ok", they should stay home until they no longer test positive.
- Individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 or who test positive must immediately report it to the team's manager. This applies to players and spectators. Team manager will be responsible for informing the Adult Sports Coordinator.
- Those at higher risk of severe illness due to COVID-19 should avoid participating and/or spectating.
- Individuals must cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
 - Additionally, no spitting on the ground, equipment, etc. Sunflower seeds are not allowed anywhere on the premises
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Bring your own water bottles and water. Please no shared water coolers

Team Expectations

Softball:

- Rosters MUST be turned in prior to first games. All participants on roster must have a signed waiver on file.
- Teams must disinfect dugout/benches before and after games. Game balls, bats and other shared equipment should be sanitized prior to each use.
 - Sanitizing products will not be provided. Teams should bring their own disinfecting products to clean the areas as well as bring hand sanitizer to clean hands when washing them is not feasible.

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- Teams must throw away disposable gloves, masks, wipes, etc. in the trash after use. Teams who leave the dug out a mess/leave products on the ground will be given one warning. If a second offense occurs, the team will be suspended for one night.
- Teams will be given their own scoresheet. Teams will need to supply their own clipboard and pencil/pen.
- The umpire will clean and disinfect the ball in between half-innings, using a disinfectant.
- The batter, catcher and umpire should position themselves during a player's at-bat to allow for physical distancing
- Players must wear a mask when walking in/out of the facility as well as when in the dugout and/or must social distance atleast (6) feet apart.
 - To accommodate social distancing, it is recommended that individuals stay outside of their respective dugout and behind the out-of-play fence when not entering or exiting the field of play. Equipment bags may be hung on the outside of the dug out (6) feet apart. Players may bring their own chairs to sit on outside of the dugout while waiting to bat.
- Teams will not shake hands after the game, a simple wave and "thank you" is encouraged instead. Additionally, teammates should avoid giving each other high-fives, fist bumps, etc.
- Teams should not gather before or after games and should leave the premises immediately after the game, once their dug out is cleaned. No staying to observe other games. If a team meeting is required, masks need to be worn and/or social distancing should be practiced. In addition, no gathering in the parking lot.
- No spectators allowed! Few exceptions will be made, please contact league coordinator for any questions.

There will be ZERO TOLERANCE for players, teams, and spectators who do not follow these guidelines. In addition, there is zero tolerance for anyone who behaves recklessly regarding COVID-19. This includes, but not limited to intentional or excessive close contact with others, intentionally coughing/spitting on opponents, playing when knowingly infected with COVID-19, etc. Violations will be treated as game ejections and offending players/teams will be suspended atleast the next game night. Repeat offenses may result in expulsion from the league. Please be respectful of the rules, COVID-19 guidelines, and of each other.

Guidelines will be enforced by league site supervisors, league coordinators, and park monitors. City of Tempe Adult Sports reserves the right to contact security/police, if needed.

For more information on COVID-19 symptoms, self-checks, healthy practices, etc. Please visit [cdc.gov/covid19](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19).